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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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### Lava Beds National Monument Will Increase Entrance Fees Beginning June 1

TULELAKE, California—Starting on June 1, Lava Beds National Monument will increase entrance fees for visitors in order to fund important backlogged maintenance and visitor service improvement projects within the park. The last time entrance fees were increased was in 2003.

“We want to provide visitors with the best possible experience and worked to find a balance between entrance fees and necessary improvements. All of the fees collected here stay at Lava Beds National Monument,” said Lava Beds National Monument Superintendent Mike Reynolds. “The money from entrance and camping fees is used to improve visitor services and work on the park’s maintenance backlog as we look towards the 2016 National Park Service’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.”

Entrance Type	New Fee
1-7 Day Vehicle Fee	\$15
1-7 Individual Fee (Hiker, bicyclist, horses)	\$10 per person
1-7 Day Motorcycle Fee	\$10 per motorcycle
Annual Lava Beds Pass	\$30**
	**Also includes Crater Lake National Park

There will be no change to the \$80 National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass or commercial group fees.

Entrance fees will continue not to be charged to persons under 16 years of age or holders of the following types of passes:

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Pass Type	Eligibility
America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Senior Pass	\$10 lifetime pass for those 62 or older.
Access Pass	Free lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities.
Military Pass	Free annual pass available to U.S. military members and dependents.
Volunteer Pass	Free annual pass with 250 volunteer hours in a participating federal agency.

All NPS units are observing the following Fee Free days in 2015:

January 19	Martin Luther King Day
February 14-16	Presidents Day Weekend
April 18 and 19	Opening weekend of National Park Week
August 25	National Park Service Birthday
September 26	National Public Lands Day
November 11	Veterans Day

Indian Well Campground fees will remain the same, at \$10 per night for one of 43 first-come, first-serve campsites accommodating up to eight persons each. The fee remains \$5 per night with a valid Senior or Access Pass. One reserveable site is available for larger groups of 15-40 people, at \$3 per person per night, with a maximum of \$60 per night.

Additional revenue raised by a fee increase provides for visitor oriented projects. For example, in 2014, entrance fees funded a “Cave Rover” project, which hired, trained, and placed a seasonal park ranger and two interns in the caves every day all summer, talking directly with Lava Beds visitors about cave safety, geology, history, and wildlife. Also in 2014, entrance fees were used to design and create four new educational wayside exhibits on the historic Schonchin Butte fire lookout. Additional projects that fee dollars funded recently include 20 new educational signs along the Mushpot trail, a new vault toilet at the Schonchin Butte parking lot, a travelling educational ‘trunk’ shared with schools in California and Oregon which meets state education standards, updates to the park’s webcam, and a wildlife camera located in a backcountry cave.

Some proposed future projects include installing bike racks around the park, updating exhibits in the visitor center, rehabilitating trails, and increasing the park's accessibility standards.

Lava Beds National Monument is a strong economic engine for the surrounding area. In 2014, approximately 135,000 park visitors contributed over \$5 million dollars to the Klamath Basin economy and supported over 75 jobs related to tourism. Lava Beds visitors travel from all over the region, country, and world to experience the park. The fee increase brings additional funds to the Tule Lake Basin that will be used to implement projects locally in the park.

This fee increase is part of a larger National Park Service initiative to standardize fees in similar NPS units across the country. In the fall of 2014, the National Park Service conducted a nationwide review of entrance fees. To solicit public input, Lava Beds conducted a civic engagement campaign in December 2014.

During the public comment period, the park received 44 formal comments. While the majority of the comments supported an increase, many people felt that the original proposal was too much of an increase. To respond to public comments, the park modified the proposal to half the increase that was initially proposed by the National Park Service.

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*Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!*

*For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email [labe\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:labe_interpretation@nps.gov), or go to [www.nps.gov/labe](http://www.nps.gov/labe). Like us on [Facebook](#); follow us on [Twitter](#)!*

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